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Magalie Roman Salas
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445 - 12th Street, SW
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Dear Ms. Salas:

Re: CC Docket No. 01-88

The National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) as a public policy advocacy organization representing the interests of women as consumers supports the filed SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) 271 Application to offer long distance service in the State of Missouri. The local Missouri telephone market is open to competition and we believe the long-distance market for residential service should also be open to competition. This will ensure Missouri consumers more choices and better value.

SBC has met the Telecommunications Reform Act's 14-point checklist for opening the local Missouri phone market and the Missouri Public Service Commission has given its unanimous endorsement of Southwestern Bell's long distance application. Further, Southwestern Bell now offers some of the lowest long-distance rates and packages to Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma customers. Consumers in Missouri deserve the same opportunity for lower rates. Therefore, SBC's 271 Application, if approved, will increase choice by Missouri consumers among long-distance providers and fulfill the intent of the Telecommunications Reform Act of 1996.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia T. Hendel

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President

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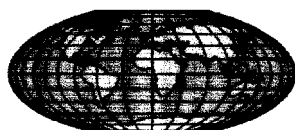
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